



ORIGINAL

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, July 8th, 2015 6:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

MINUTES

1. Open Special Meeting – Mayor Randy Parrow at 6:42pm
Councilor Seager was present via phone.

2. Corrections/Additions to the Agenda

Addition to the Agenda

B. Direction regarding Old Sawmill Eatery (Larry Snethen)

Motion to approve the agenda with addition made by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hult. Motion carried.

3. Interview for City Council Applicant

A. Interview of Applicant Bruce McNair

1. Tell us about yourself. "I was raised in Vernonia. I am a lifelong logger. Starting with the budget committee, past 6 years, then was appointed to the Council, 2.5 years, enjoyed it, he misses it.

#2. Mayor Parrow-What are the responsibilities of a Council member? To be fair and honest, present yourself with dignity, a financial responsibility to the tax payer.

#3. Councilor Hult- What do you feel are the strengths you can bring to the Council? I have lived here his whole life, a historical view of the community. He feels he has an objectivity and analytical view of things. He keeps his mind open to all the possibilities.

#4-Councilor Seager- What role do you think city government should fill? "That's a difficult one, it should provide good streets, law enforcement, clean water, a well-run sewer, to serve the needs of the community, as far as the government goes."

#5. Why did you choose not to run again? "The Mayor and Councilor Tierney were there when we chose the new City Administrator, I didn't stay objective, the candidate I was in favor of I thought was the best fit for the community. In that I lost my objectivity and didn't like the behavior I saw myself exhibiting. Working with that particular Council, I felt like it was a pretty tight knit Council, after that process I became disenchanted with the Council at that time. After that I felt like not running was not the best decision. Fortunately for me the opportunity arose, the six months away gave me a perspective that I really missed it, I want to do good for this town that I loved.

#6. Mayor Parrow- In the last few years the Council has many meetings, will you be available to attend the meetings. "Being involved in the community gets you going. I have no life. Smile."

#7. Jill Hult- What would you like to accomplish as a Councilor? "I would like to see the WWTP finished, the Senior Center get built, I would like to get the official government get back to saving money, to do some worldly good. I would like the Vernonia Learning Center back up and running, I think that would be good for the community."

#8. Mayor Parrow- What makes you qualified to be a Council member? "I like to hear myself talk; I still have a name plate. It's hard for me to talk about myself. I have been here a long time; it gives you a different outlook on things. I spent two years on the Council, 7 years on the Budget Committee, have served on Public Works Committee since being on Council. I love this little town, which is probably my strongest reason." "If you're honest about what you think and are willing to listen to the opposite side, I love a good discussion."


Motion was made to appoint Bruce McNair to the Vernonia City Council by Councilor Seager. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tierney. Motion carried.

B. Old Sawmill Eatery

Discussion was held. Council would like any interested party to come to Council and present their idea at a Council meeting. If no buyer is interested Mr. Snethen would need to remove the improvements by a Council assigned date September 30th. Council directed Staff to research what other City's do in this instance. Staff will send the information on transient vendors to Council members. Switching locations has Council support. Utilities should be paid for by the owners. Staff needs to actively recruit for a park host in the interim.

4. Adjournment 7:27pm

These minutes were approved at the regular City Council meeting August 3, 2015.


Randall J. Parrow, Mayor

Attest: 
Josette M. Mitchell, City Recorder

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